

DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship invites public to Chapel Branch Nature Day for family fun and volunteer cleanup Saturday, Oct. 14 in Seaford

SEAFORD – The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's Division of Watershed Stewardship, along with the Nanticoke River Watershed Conservancy and the Delaware Nature Society, invites the public to the Chapel Branch Nature Area for a day of outdoor activities from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. The nature area's address is 492 Woodland Road, Seaford, DE 19973.

The Chapel Branch Nature Day is the final event in this year's Reclaim Our River – Nanticoke Series, a program offering monthly events, workshops and recreational activities designed to raise water quality awareness in the Nanticoke Watershed.

The day will feature family fun activities, including nature walks with guides discussing native wildlife; hands-on exploring of the creek critters of Chapel Branch with the Delaware Nature Society; and demonstrations of how Delawareans can test water quality in the state's waterways. The event will educate visitors on techniques used to improve water quality by reducing nutrient and sediment pollution entering Delaware's waterways.

Meanwhile, local Boy Scouts and other volunteers will lend a hand to conservation at the nature area by cleaning up trash, working on invasive species removal, trail maintenance, and trail building. Additional volunteers are welcome to join the

project for helping maintain the nature area. While some tools will be available, volunteers also are encouraged to bring clippers, shovels, saws, and wheelbarrows.

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